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1. Reference Document and Subject:

Updated clipping (July 1954) from American Metals Market regarding change in Italian import regulations for copper.

2. DON Case:

None

3. Summary of Situation:

The clipping is given in full as follows:

"Italian Imports of Copper from Dollar Area

ROME —(Comtel.)— Italian customs officials say now themselves authorize the import of raw copper, copper waste and copper scrap from dollar area countries without a Ministerial license, on presentation of the appropriate authority.

"The copper may not however, be imported from Chile or any other country with which Italy has special trade agreements."

4. I/SI Suggestions:

1. Does this change have any implications for the problem of enforcement of export controls on copper? Does this indicate a possible loophole in the granting of Italian ICs for copper imports which might be used for diversion purposes?
2. Is there any communication from Rome on this matter?

5. DON Action:

Strong
File, give it to Tom Strong
George not an idea to be sent out;
Knoll
Feel nothing in this

DOC Exemption Letter In EUR File